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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A'S REQUEST, EMBASSY HAS
RESERVED US TRADE CENTER FOR OCTOBER 26-27, AND RESERVED
12 SINGLE ROOMS AT HILTON HOTEL.

2. THE SPACING OF CERTAIN LOCAL HOLIDAYS, HOWEVER, RAISES
THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A CITY OF BOSTON TRADE MISSION
WOULD BE ABLE TO REALIZE ITS FULL POTENTIAL IN TAIWAN.
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25 (THE DAY BEFORE THE TM'S PROPOSED
ARRIVAL) IS TAIWAN RESTORATION DAY, A HOLIDAY WHERE MANY
PEOPLE TRAVEL OFF TO THE COUNTRYSIDE TO ENJOY AUTUMN
WEATHER. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 IS THE BIRTHDAY OF CHIANG
KAI-SHEK. MANY OF THOSE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE
BUSINESSMEN WHO DO NOT TAKE A MINI-VACATION BETWEEN THESE
TWO HOLIDAYS WILL BE BUSY HOSTING THE LARGE NUMBERS OF
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OVERSEAS CHINESE WHO COME TO TAIWAN TO CELEBRATE THESE
HOLIDAYS AND TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH TAIWAN'S IMPRESSIVE
ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INFRA-STRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

3. THE DATES ALSO FOLLOW CLOSELY THE PROPOSED VISITS FIRST
OF THE SPIN-OFF FROM THE U.S. EXPORT DEVELOPMENT MISSION
TO JAPAN, AND THEN THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRADE MISSION.

HAVING THE BOSTON TRADE MISSION SO SOON AFTERWARDS WOULD
PUT A STRAIN ON OUR LIMITED STAFF THOUGH OF COURSE WE
WOULD GIVE IT OUR STRONGEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT.

4. EMBASSY STILL BELIEVES THAT, AS NOTED IN REFTEL C,
BEST DATES FOR SUBJECT MISSION REMAIN NOV. 14-18.
ALTERNATIVELY, PERHAPS CITY OF BOSTON TRADE MISSION COULD
BE FOLDED INTO THE SPIN-OFF FROM THE U.S. EXPORT DEVELOP-
MENT MISSION FROM JAPAN, SINCE THE EMBASSY HAS ALREADY
BOOKED A BLOCK OF HOTEL ROOMS AND THE USTC FOR THAT TIME.

5. THE TRADE CENTER REQUESTS NOTIFICATION AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE ABOUT BOSTON'S INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE
NOV. 14-18 DATES, AS AN AMERICAN COMPANY SEEKS TO BOOK
THE TRADE CENTER FOR THAT WHOLE WEEK. UNGER

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